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Mon. 1/27 2:00 4:15PM	AND ANY CHANGE:	s or cancellations!
Task Forces:	* The Feminist	and the Gav and Lesbian Task
Alternatives in Print Sat. 1/25 2:00 - 4:00PM	social, from 6:	sponsoring a Saturday night 00 to 8:00 PM. There will be musical entertainment, and a
Sun. 1/26 2:00 - 4:00PM Tue. 1/28 2:00 - 4:00PM	directory of	night spots and restaurants ole. This will be a good time
Tue: 1/26 2:00 - 4:00PM	to connect wit	h colleagues and friends and
Civil Rights Mon. 1/27 11:30 - 12:30PM	kick back and m	relax from confo-stress.
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SRRT EDITOR RETIRES

featuring alternative viewpoints. The panel was moderated by program chair Martha

the SRRT Newsletter changes hands, and all of SRRT owes thanks to the commitment and energy that Chris Sokol has given to the task of producing the newsletter over the last several years. The new editor would like publicly to thank her for passing on the oral and written traditions.

Please take note of the new editor's addresses and telephone numbers, which can be found at the back of this issue.

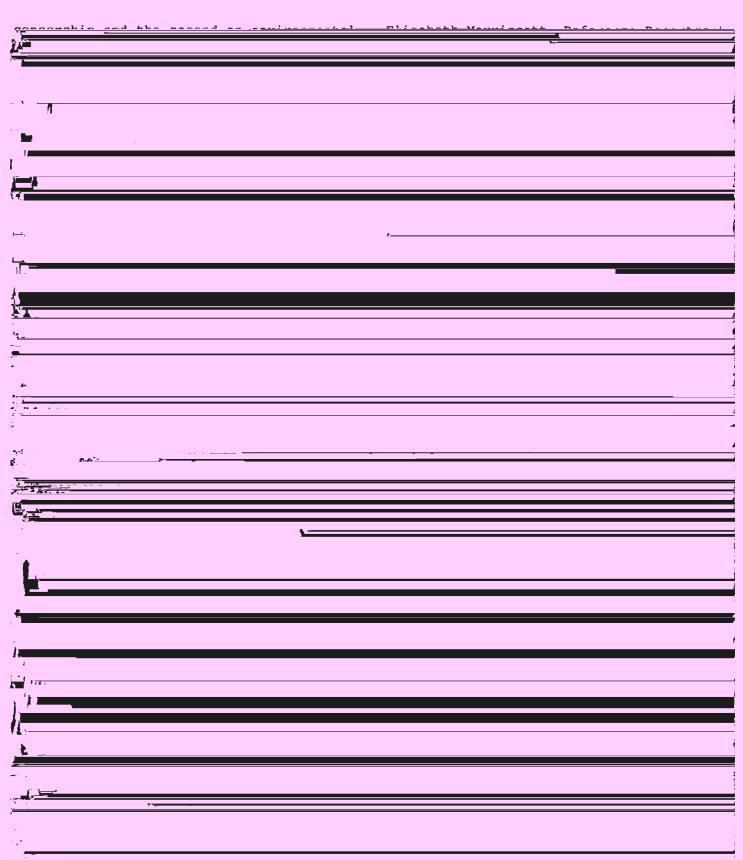
Mimi Penchansky was succeeded as TF Coordinator by co-Coordinators Sylvia Y. Curtis and Jackie Eubanks.

Coretta Scott King Award

Tuesday, July 2, 1991, was a day of historic significance for all who attended the 22nd Annual Coretta Scott King Award Breakfast during the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta. A moving tribute was haid to a special dais

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Francisco will discuss economic conversion. Anyone interested in helping should contact

(Telephone: (907) 465-2944).

properly addressed by this professional association, which claims to be against censorship and library closings, this issue will have to be taken by SRRT to the ALA membership at the next conference. Toward that end a resolution is being prepared to

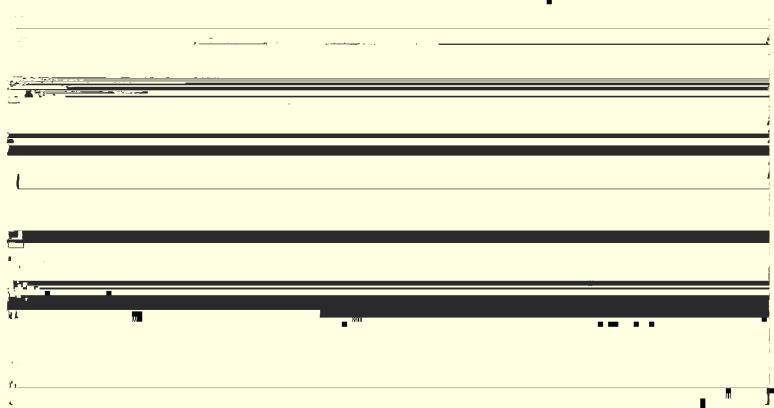
overtures and ample documentation to a number of ALA units which should be concerned about such matters. With the exception of SRRT, I was met in nearly every one of thesee units with either stony silence, bureaucratic obfuscation, or angry

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I particularly wish to address the more sensitive aspects of what happened in the Association and in SRRT Action Council around this controversy. This is necessary both because of the transparent accusations of anti-semitism made against me and the

exception of the IRC, no other unit of ALA was willing to look at the full range of documentation and take a stand on the issue.

Instead of dealing with the documentation and the issues in open debate, the hardline defenders of Israel inside ALA wrote letters and spread rumors accusing me of anti-



SOCIAL ISSUES TASK FORCE APPOINTED

According to College and Research Libraries

the age of sixty. So there were significant numbers in the community to reach. An idea that came up in one of the first meetings

News (September 1991, p. 505), ACRL has appointed a Social Issues Task Force to determine "if ACRL should or should not respond to social issues." The task force seeks broad input. SRRT members who are also ACRL members should send comments to the chair, Cerise Oberman, Feinberg Library, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

was to set up what in the 1960's and 70's were known as "deposit collections." (It is not clear what these collections are called today, as a literature search failed to find this term used as a subject.) The committee also became aware of LSCA grant money that could be applied for and would be necessary to begin this project.

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PEACE SPINE LABELS

SIRS Peace Award winner, Faye Lander, made a suggestion at the Peace Task Force meeting in Atlanta. She suggested the need for a spine label for peace and conflict resolution books. Task Force Chair Stephen Stillwell reports that, while he has located spine labels with Civil War type cannons for war stories, be has not not located and

social service agencies in town to determine the population served, need and desire to participate in some type of "deposit collection" process. Eventually six agencies were chosen to participate in the project, including a couple of shelters for the homeless, a women's shelter and the town's Senior Center and community health facility.

The library was fortunate enough to receive

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peace labels. A major library supplier contacted is passing this suggestion on to	a \$4,000 LSCA Title I grant, awarded under the "innovative" category. Once the funding
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is the laundry room. This is where the The Library's own collection development books, magazines and storage crates are budget will include funds not only to housed, and that seems to work well for this continue the work done in these six agencies, but also to expand to other places agency. Just about all of the materials purchased already expressed an interest in being part a few gift books that were in very good program have learned a great deal more about condition. Processing costs have been the community and how libraries_can_really minimal. A simple system of using different have an impact on individuals who are often colored dots to designate where the books thought of as unreachable. While the were headed was used. Each book Russell Library looks forward to continuing and armoration than a market and a market and a grant go to be a

grown comic books starting in the mid-1970s. . GRANTS ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY a strong network of about 500 cartoonists that provides two-year grants to colleges produced original and creative comic books and universities to establish faculty known as "New Wave comix." They generally had small print runs and were distributed speakers bureaus on international security issues for their local communities. Grants through the mail. Many New Wave artists (Kevin Eastman of Teenage Ninja Mutant of \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available. Funding supports the coordination of local outreach,

The poems, essays and short stories gathered together in Home Words make readers aware of the diversity of the homeless by putting them in contact with their lives, hopes and dreams. These works range from an essay about the strength and courage derived from Native American culture in "Basketball Traditional Style" to a science fiction story about someone living inside another person in "Trial by Fire."

Recommended for libraries with large collections in the area of homeless issues.

--Iver Matheson, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

WOMEN LIBRARY WORKERS JOURNAL. Edited by Rhonda Herman. McFarland, P.O. Box 611, lefferer NC 28640 \$18.00/year LEEN.

that this limit was not imposed. There are so many small press books that are missed in other journals that the number of "older, inherited" books included in the Fall 1990 issue was helpful. All the same, this journal is an inspiring work which will appeal to many librarians, and a good bargain at \$18.00 per year.

--Susan Tucker, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

AFRICAN COMMENTARY: A JOURNAL OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT. Amherst, MA: African Commentary Corporation. Monthly, 1989/90?. ISSN 1045-2303. \$27.00/year. Publisher's Address: 29 Pray St., Amherst, MA 01002.



novelist, and also as critic and diplomat. BAD BOYS AND TOUGH TATTOOS: A SOCIAL HISTORY His purpose is "...to ensure that Africa and OF THE TATTOO WITH GANGS, SAILORS, AND n the rest of the Black world step into the STREET-CORNER PUNKS, 1950-1965. By Samuel next century with dignity...to reclaim the Harrington Park Droce

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